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Judge Alfred R. Herrera  
Impartial Hearing Examiner  
816 Congress Ave., Suite 1250  
Austin, Texas 78701

RE: Austin Energy 2016 Rate Review

The Independent Consumer Advocate (ICA) is not submitting any Reply Exceptions today, because all of the important points that could be made by ICA in reply to the exceptions of other parties have already been covered sufficiently in the "ICA's Exceptions to the IHE Report", filed on July 22, 2016. The decision to not submit reply exceptions should not, in any way, be viewed as agreement or acquiescence to any of the exceptions or requests filed by the other parties.

The ICA remains firmly convinced that the residential household customers and small business customers residing inside the City of Austin, Texas deserve to share in the benefit of Austin Energy's revenue reductions through some meaningful reduction to their electric rates. Secondly, there should be no increase to the residential first tier. Thirdly, the current tariff rates that apply to the Houses of Worship (HOW) should be studied further before being eliminated or changed, in order to avoid unfair and adverse impacts to certain HOW customers. These three simple modifications to the IHE's Report are supportable by the evidence and would significantly improve the reasonableness and affordability of Austin Energy's electric rates.

Sincerely,



John B. Coffman  
Independent Consumer Advocate

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